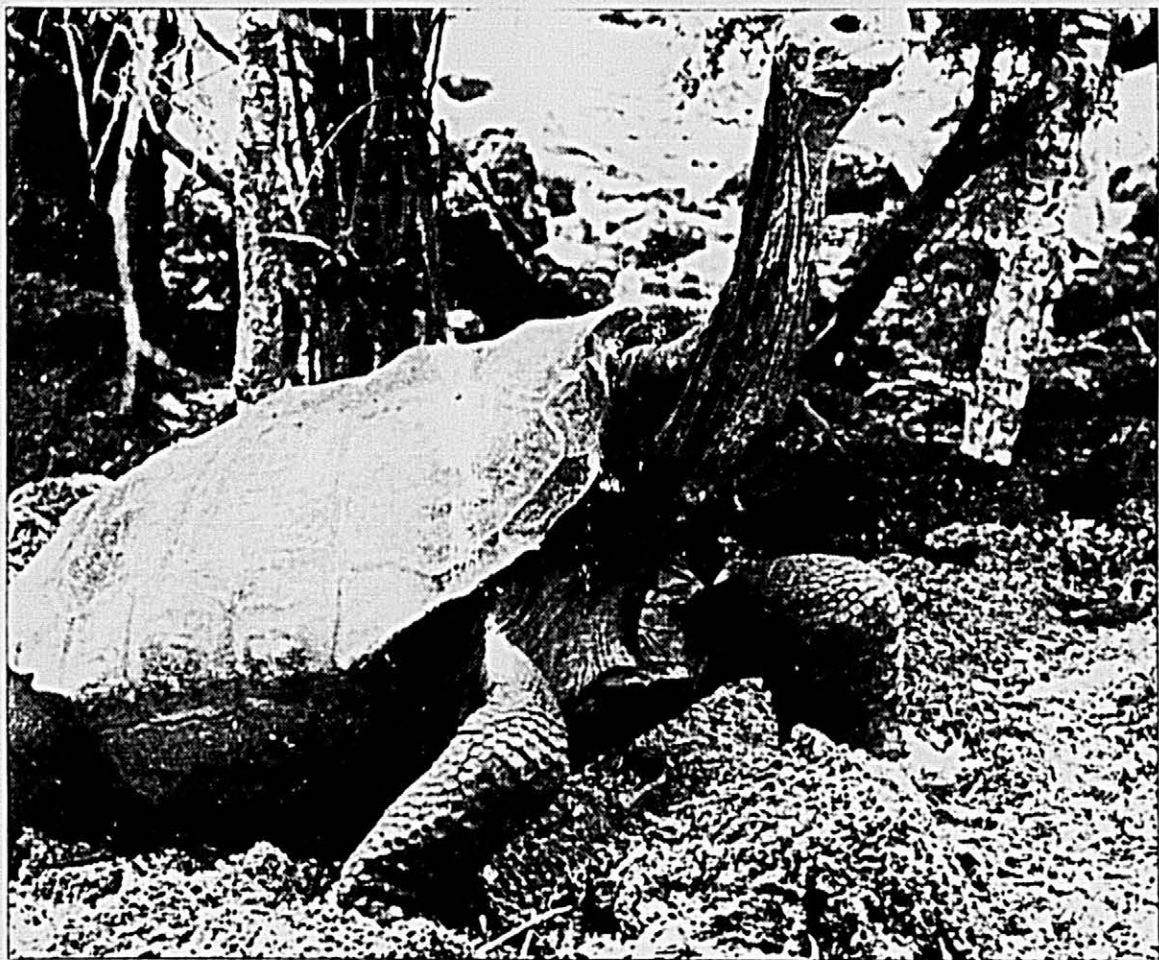


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McGill pressures tenants to forfeit leases



Unlike turtles which are slow, McGill moves quickly when tenants block the path.

by Peter Atto

Québec law has bought tenants in a McGill-owned building some time before their home is converted into office space.

City Councillor Arnold Bennett said McGill served illegal eviction notices at the beginning of March to the eight tenants of 3509 Peel street. McGill wants to use the space for the Faculty of Arts.

McGill real estate manager Pete Farrell denied the use of illegal notices. "We wanted to take possession of the building June 30, and sent them a letter asking for their co-operation. There was no misleading intent."

Under Québec law landlords must give tenants notice of a zone change six months before the end of their lease. McGill's notices came only three months before the leases expired. According to Bennett, McGill told tenants it was exempt from the regulation because it is an educational institution.

Farrell said McGill's letter was not an eviction notice; it was a letter asking tenants to co-operate with the University and move out before the end of their leases.

"We missed the deadline (for a zone change notice), so now we must wait until December 31, 1990 before we can notify them," he said.

Bennett said the letter was construed by tenants as an eviction notice.

Farrell denied the university was harassing tenants or using coercion. He said only one tenant objects to the move. According to Bennett there are more.

"Some of these people have been here 20 or 30 years, and McGill suddenly wanted them out in three or four months," Bennett said.

Pierre Gaudreau, of Front d'Action Populaire du Reaménagement Urbain (FRAPRU), a Québec housing lobby group, said misleading or illegal notices are frequently used to evict tenants so landlords can raise rent or convert space. "Landlords often give false notices to vacate premises. We've seen a lot of this, especially downtown."

He advised tenants threatened with eviction to use FRAPRU or the rental board (Régie du Logement) to inform themselves of their rights and to verify the legality of their landlord's action.

SSMU negotiates new food service contract

by Stephane St-Onge

Students' Society negotiate with a new company for McGill's lucrative food and beverage contract this week.

Scott's Restaurants — which owns Kentucky Fried Chicken franchises across Québec — was given first shot at negotiating with Students' Society for McGill's \$25 million food and beverage contract. Negotiations begin today and continue until April 10.

If an agreement is reached, Scott's could replace CVC Foods as McGill's food and beverage suppliers when CVC's five-year contract expires May 30.

Scott's plans to revamp the Union cafeteria include serving Chinese food — rather than fried chicken.

Students' Society President Santo Manna said a management change "could be seen as a revolution in the food and beverage industry at McGill."

Students' Society comptroller Jon Shifman wants to keep details of the agreement cooped up until after negotiations end.

"If we do not reach an agreement with the first company (Scott's), we will have to start negotiations again with the second," Shifman said.

Manna confirmed CVC is the second choice for negotiations.

McGill's CVC Executive Di-

rector Tazim Mohamed said he expects to receive written notice on the result of negotiations with Scott's next week. He said he will not comment until after a decision is reached.

Students' Society called for bids from food service companies for McGill's eight cafeterias and Gert's Pub after last fall's operations review of the CVC.

The Food and Beverage Com-

mittee, which reviewed the bids of 17 companies, presented their recommendations to the Executive Council last Thursday. Shifman said their first choice and an alternative were approved at a closed

meeting of Students' Council last Tuesday.

Food sales at McGill rake in \$1.8 million a year, with another \$800 000 from vending machine sales and \$400 000 in bar sales.



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Principal meets presidents

by Stephane St-Onge

McGill Principal David Johnston addressed student presidents last Thursday in an attempt to discuss problems that have arisen between students and the administration throughout the year.

Johnston shared his opinion on teachers, underfunding, fraternities and other issues with the Presidents' Council.

Students questioned Johnston about the right to autonomy for student associations, reflecting on conflicts last February between Continuing Education students and administrators. The University placed the McGill Association of Continuing Education Students under trusteeship after allegations of mismanaged funds.

"The University agrees that associations can collect fees from students once these fees have been approved by a referendum," Johnston said. But there have been three or four occasions when problems arose with the execution of that agreement.

Johnston said he would prefer to see student groups stay as autonomous as possible with the funds they handle. "There's one thing that is paramount; they've got to

remain responsible with these funds."

Johnston would not answer questions on the problem of autonomous student groups and their place in the University. The discussion moved on to the role of professors in undergraduate programs.

"We cannot choose people to teach at this university who may be very effective in research and cannot be effective in the classroom," Johnston said.

Johnston asked students to "use your teaching evaluations" to kick out professors who take research too seriously at the expense of teaching.

"There are individuals who do poorly in teaching evaluations course after course. There's an obligation on the part of his or her department chair to say 'what's going on here,'" Johnston said.

"We like to think that most of our teaching and research programs stand in the top dozen in North American universities. We are attempting to do that with resources that are one-sixth of those of our competitors," said Johnston, referring to McGill's underfunding crisis.

"I think the miracle of this university is how well it does with that

kind of funding," he said.

Yet Johnston dismisses those who argue that the Faculty of Arts is underfunded at the same ratio that McGill is underfunded compared to Québec universities.

Presidents give frats a chance?

Johnston told the councillors that fraternities and sororities should have a place at McGill "provided that those associations have values and objectives that our university can respect."

Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) president Jai Marshall sits on the council despite a judicial board ruling which stripped the IFC of its accreditation last year. She said fraternities and sororities "have a lot to offer" at McGill.

McGill no longer recognizes fraternities or sororities in any formal fashion.

Three Zeta Psi fraternity members were implicated in last year's alleged gang rape at McGill. Zeta Psi subsequently lost their frat house.

"The Presidents' Council should be saying that any member who does not meet those standards of conduct will find our opposition pretty fierce," Johnston said.



Students burn effigy of Claude Ryan in 3 000 person demo

Daily news briefs

Students march on parliament

Québec students took their protests to the province's capital on Friday. Over 2500 students demonstrated outside parliament in Québec City, angry with the provincial government's decision to raise tuition fees after a 20 year freeze.

At least three students were arrested when they tried to pass barriers separating the protestors from parliamentary grounds.

The protest topped off last week's series of occupations and marches. Retaliation against students by the police is becoming increasingly violent. In the weeks of student unrest at least 250 have been arrested. Numerous students have been wounded by riot police — two have been hospitalized.

Arts and Science students vote for student reps and fee hikes

The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) held elections last week. Next year's politicians were voted in, and an underwhelming majority voted their support for tuition fee hikes.

Students voted 518 to 515 in favour of the proposed tuition fee increase.

812 students said they opposed striking as a means of protesting the tuition fee increase, while 252 were in favour.

A Science referendum question asking students to continue paying a \$25 undergraduate lab fund was passed by over 250 votes. The fee will be jointly administered by a committee of students and faculty. 302 students voted 'Yes', 40 'No' and 17 had 'No Opinion'.

Students elected Anne Yu 1990-91 as ASUS president. She beat Leila Khalili and Joseph Daniels with 404 votes. Next year's ASUS VP Internal is Djenane Cameron. David Kippen will be VP Finance. Lynn Torrance received 318 votes to win VP Arts, while Peter Iannuzzi and Shawn J. Khan were acclaimed as VP Administration and VP Science, respectively.

Next year's Arts reps to Students' Society are Scott Mitic, Lev Bukhman, and Mary-Margaret Jones. The Science reps, Mike Tremblay and Muriel Castillo, were acclaimed.

Arts Members-at-Large are Michelle Horowitz, with 390 votes, and Erik Lee, with 255. Science Members-at-Large, Peter Tobin and Lorenzo Ferri, were acclaimed.

The total voter turnout was 14 per cent of both Arts and Science students.

Rushton to teach again

TORONTO (CUP) —

Controversial professor Phillippe Rushton returns to the classroom this fall and students across Ontario are outraged.

About 200 students chanting, "One race, the human race," occupied the department of psychology at the University of Western Ontario, last week. They came from U of T, York and Guelph to protest with the Academic Coalition for Equality (ACE) at Western.

Rushton's theory that orientals are racially superior to whites who are superior to blacks, has been widely denounced as "bogus" and unscientific. He plans to integrate his theories into a core psychology course he will be teaching in the fall.

"We're not going to allow him to enter classrooms to teach," said ACE spokesperson, Kizito Serumaga. He added, gesturing toward the students from U of T, Guelph and York, "we can march; we can sit in; we can put out a call and have

200 people arrive. We have the power to disrupt. The level of publicity will be very high if that man starts teaching."

But not all students were sure Rushton should be kicked out. "Rushton tried to take bits of previously unconnected facts and connect them. That's what we, as researchers are trying to do," said Ellen Leibman, a Western graduate student.

"In Rushton's case, is it the answer or the question that is wrong? While I understand the protestors' concerns, demanding that he be fired is not a practical solution."

Tom Collins, Western's vice president of academic affairs agreed. "I have dealt with this at length. Rushton is tenured. He has academic freedom. He will not be fired."

Last January, Rushton first proposed his theory of racial hierarchy. He based his theory on statistics such as cranial capacity, IQ,

ovulation rate and penis size. His studies are funded by an far-right American organization with links to white supremacist groups.

Many scientists have disputed his theories, including those whose research Rushton used for his own conclusions. Neil Vidmar, a Western psychology prof, calls his work "racist and pseudo-scientific."

The students met in the University Community Centre, before moving to the psychology department, then to the office of Western president George Pederson.

"I heard the protest," said Collins. "Students have the right to boycott classes. It is not fair to say that the University is not concerned with racism. We are working on all kinds of policies that deal with race relations."

ACE co-founder Geraldine Stephenson said the rally was an "appetizer" before Rushton begins teaching this fall.

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Canada tastes private university life

For the fifth time in a few years, the ministry of Education has heard a plea from a group of private technical colleges and a few interested individuals to permit private institutions to grant secular degrees.

This time the answer is 'yes' and within two years, Canada's first truly private university is born. The province, using the newly-established private institution as an example, unveils its new strategy to let market forces meet Ontario's post-secondary education needs.

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A number of groups are lobbying the Ontario government to rescind a 30-year-old law prohibiting private universities. The Secretary of State announced recently that it will "contract out" the administration of the Canada Student Loan program to a private company.

And with shrinking budgets, Canada's provincial governments are going to have difficult choices to make between taxes, education and deficits.

"We're definitely heading towards a more privatized system," said Canadian Federation of Students chair Jane Arnold. "Whether we make it there is another question."

Arnold said the federal government's two year freeze in growth of transfer payments will pressure provinces to find other sources of funding for universities.

"The feds are looking to get out of their responsibility for a publicly funded system of education."

Ontario, Alberta and Québec would need provincial government approval of a private university.

Private control, public funds

To a great degree, post-secondary education in Canada is already private. Most government and university officials repeat this simple truth when asked if there is a trend towards "privatized" higher education in Canada.

Privatization means selling public services into profit-making ventures for private interests. While a public service is funded through the tax system by all Canadians — more or less according to their ability to pay — a private one gets its money from the

people who can afford the user fees. Put simply, those that ain't got don't get. Public companies or services can have user fees — VIA Rail, Petro Canada do — but are often subsidized to meet popular needs.

Professors and University administrators also have grave concerns about education standards at private universities.

Degree mills

"We're not saying it's going to be bad because it's private, but it doesn't mean it's going to be good, either," said Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) executive Pierre-Yves Boucher.

"With the public system there are quality control mechanisms built into the financing process that ensure quality."

Both Boucher and Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) president Pamela Smith say a private post-secondary system would encourage "fly-by-night" schools, and even shadier academic dealers, the kind often found in the U.S.

In a recent example, the State of Missouri shut down an accrediting agency that would approve any college that had "a building, people and \$1160." The Missouri state attorney tested another accrediting agency by submitting the name of a bogus school whose faculty list included the name of the pig from the TV show "Green Acres." The bogus school was accredited.

Privatization foes fear that "degree mills" will churn out graduates with cut-rate degrees.

"People who want to set up private universities say they can do it cheaper than the public system," Boucher said. "Now, the

public system is already pretty lean. If the system that exists is lean, the only way you can increase the production of graduates and lower the costs is to lower the quality of the degree.

"I have no doubt we could — if we wanted to — crank out a lawyer who knows the law in two years," Boucher, the AUCC's legal counsel, said. "But we'd rather educate a lawyer in legal history, ethics and all the other elements that make him or her part of society."

Geographical centrifuge

An Ontario government advisory committee on universities had two days of hearings in January 1989 on privatizing universities. The entire second day of hearings was dominated by members of the Coalition of Free-Standing University-Level Institutions.

The coalition is made up mostly of private training and theological colleges. One of the more vocal members of the coalition is a group headed by former Ontario higher education minister Bette Stephenson. This group wants to start a private university in a small town 40 km north of Toronto.

University of Regina professor Pamela Smith says it's no accident that the strongest push for a private university is coming from Ontario.

"It's an Ontario initiative because there is a population there with the income levels that could support such a development."

Smith said the university would worsen an already existing pull towards central Canada.

"I don't see the reason for establishing a private university — especially one near Toronto," Smith said. "I don't see why we should have to contribute to the enormous centrifugal pressures in this country."

"The sort of money that the parents — who would surely be from a privileged elite — would invest in their kid's private education, would be better spent in improving the public system."

The Ontario ministry of Colleges and Universities sent the idea of a private university to an advisory committee for study in 1986. The Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA) looked into the matter, but never came up with a recommendation.

Kanduth said the issue resurfaced in 1989 and again the ministry referred the matter to the OCUA. The government-appointed committee released its report on its research and hearings in October 1989, but has yet to make a recommendation.

Second class system

Stephenson says the private university — tentatively called James Wolfe University — is needed to keep pace with increased demand for university education, something the province has been unable to do.

David Anderson, a retired University of Toronto mathematics professor, said there is a market for a private university.

"If you want to make the case that there's no place for private endeavours in education, then you have to make the case that there's no place for private endeavours in business," he said. "Not even the socialists — or the NDP in this country — are making this case."

"A university is a business like any other, and there are two ways to run a business — like a crown corporation or private business."

Anderson said Wolfe would be run "they way we want, rather than the way the government expects it to be run."

While Stephenson said tuition at Wolfe U. would be "significantly higher" than at public universities, Anderson said the group had contemplated not charging tuition, and having graduates pay later.

"We're not proposing an institution where

we would get an elite group of only people with high marks," he said. "We'll take people with 50 per cent."

Anderson said marks weren't always the best indicator of people's ability to perform at university. "If someone knocks on our door, I propose to let them in."

He said his university would loan students the money they needed to attend. "We'd loan money to every student equally — rich and poor — to put them on a level playing field," he added.

The CFS' Arnold doubts the real Wolfe U. will be as accessible as Anderson contends.

"It would definitely be a university only an elite could attend — those who can afford to pay," she said.

Students at American private universities pay as much as \$16 400 per year in tuition fees, while their public school counterparts pay an average of \$1992.

A recent study by two American professors showed most students at the 76 private universities studied came from families with incomes well above the national average.

"We could end up with a two-tiered system where the best could go to the private system, provided they could afford it, and the public system would become the second-class system," Robert Kanduth said.

Harvard of the North

Wolfe U's backers are striving, they say, to produce an independent, efficiently-run university that will rival established private universities down south.

"The only goal of this institution is excellence. We will make that apply to faculty and students," Smith said. "If they don't live up to it, they don't stay."

She said Wolfe already has a large number of people interested in donating, but more are still being accepted.

But most observers doubt Wolfe will be able to drum up enough money.

"It's just pie in the sky that someone can obtain an endowment to come up with a Harvard of the North," Boucher said. Harvard's endowment totalled about \$5.2 billion in 1989. At a 14 per cent return rate, it added some \$728 million to the university's budget. Princeton's endowment was worth \$2.9 billion.

Ontario education ministry official Jamie Mackay said the province will spend \$1.8 billion on its universities next year.

"There just aren't the huge sums of money floating around to be donated to universities that there once were," said Kanduth.

Kanduth, Boucher and the CAUT's Smith say there are lots of Canadian universities that could rival America's Ivy league if only they were funded properly.

Major bail-out

Critics of private universities point out that almost all Canada's older universities started out as privately funded, religious schools.

"One by one they went public because they couldn't hack it," said CAUT official Tim Stutt.

If ever a private university were established, most critics say it would ask for provincial support.

"After four years of existence, the people in the system — the staff, the students, the administrators — will have an important stake in the university," Kanduth said. "They'll want to see it survive, and we'll be into a huge government bail-out."

Kanduth said it would trample all over Canada's tradition of affording qualified people a chance to get a university education.

"We understand that tuition fees are high" he said. "But historically they've meant that a good number of people have been able to go to university."



Co-opting corporate control

A new trend towards employee ownership has swept through the United States and is making inroads in Canada. The movement has taken the form of Employee Share Ownership Programs and worker co-ops, and it may mean greater democracy in the workplace.

Liberals and unions argue employee ownership will save jobs and stem the tide of plant closings in industry. "It's a great opportunity to change job conditions and for workers to make decisions which take into account a new set of values," says l'Université de Montréal business professor Nicole Giroux. "But it's not a miracle. Employees still have to earn their bread and butter."

Conservatives also like the idea, because it's a way to increase productivity while limiting employee benefits — management can pay workers with stock dividends instead of higher wages.

Mark Lurie

Employee Share Ownership Programs (ESOPs) first emerged in North America in the 1950s. Today, workers for such mega-corporations as Procter & Gamble, Boise Cascade, J. C. Penney, Colgate-Palmolive, 3M, Xerox and Delta Air Lines own company stock usually in the range of 16 to 22 per cent.

Employee ownership began to peak in the 1980s as a way for companies to avoid a frenzy of hostile takeovers — a common nemesis for both management and labour. The big boost came after a Delaware law stipulated that corporate "raiders" need at least 85 per cent of a company's stock to seize control. By placing at least 15 per cent of shares in the hands of "friendly" employees, these companies could resist takeovers.

About half the Fortune 500 companies are incorporated in Delaware, and many facing takeover bids took the hint by selling employees corporate stock.

But employee ownership has not always translated into increased worker control or even involvement in most cases. Financing stock purchases is expensive business for employees — they often go heavily into debt and agree to take cuts in benefits and salaries. And employees are taking a big risk in tying themselves to their company's stock performance.

The price of ownership

Employee ownership is sold to workers on the pretext that it provides incentives for increased productivity and for increased employee participation in company policy and production.

Worker security is solidified, so the argument goes, since workers are safe from the job losses that often follow corporate takeovers and they have a say in their own destiny.

But experience shows this assumption is often greatly exaggerated. When workers go into debt in an ESOP plan, it translates into wage cuts and substantial reductions in pensions and health benefits. At Polaroid, for example, in order to pay back a \$285-million loan by management, employees had to accept a five per cent pay cut; they lost \$6 million in corporate matching funds from the company's pension plan and a profit-sharing retirement bonus worth \$2 million. In another case, a management-financed ESOP at Boise Cascade cost workers their health benefits, in addition to pensions.

Meredith Miller, a leading union health

benefits expert, recently told the *Nation* that these tradeoffs undermine labour autonomy. "This is symbolic of the erosion of the private sector safety net that we've worked so hard to build," she said.

Contention also surrounds the claim that employees have a greater say in company matters. According to Bartlett Naylor, a senior analyst with the Investor Responsibility Research Center, a Washington think tank for corporate social issues, under ESOPs employee participation is often discouraged. Where it occurs, he says in the *Nation*, it is often the highest level employees who are asked to serve on the board of directors as employee representatives. In the case of Polaroid, the employee allowed to sit on the board was the head of marketing and research — practically an executive.

Not only is employee ownership not synonymous with worker control, but under some ESOP plans management is indifferent to the business expertise offered by some employees.

"I do not believe that a union leader can serve on the board without placing himself in the position of creating a conflict of interest," Richard Farman, chief executive officer of Pacific Enterprises, told the *Nation* whose employees own 21 per cent of the stock.

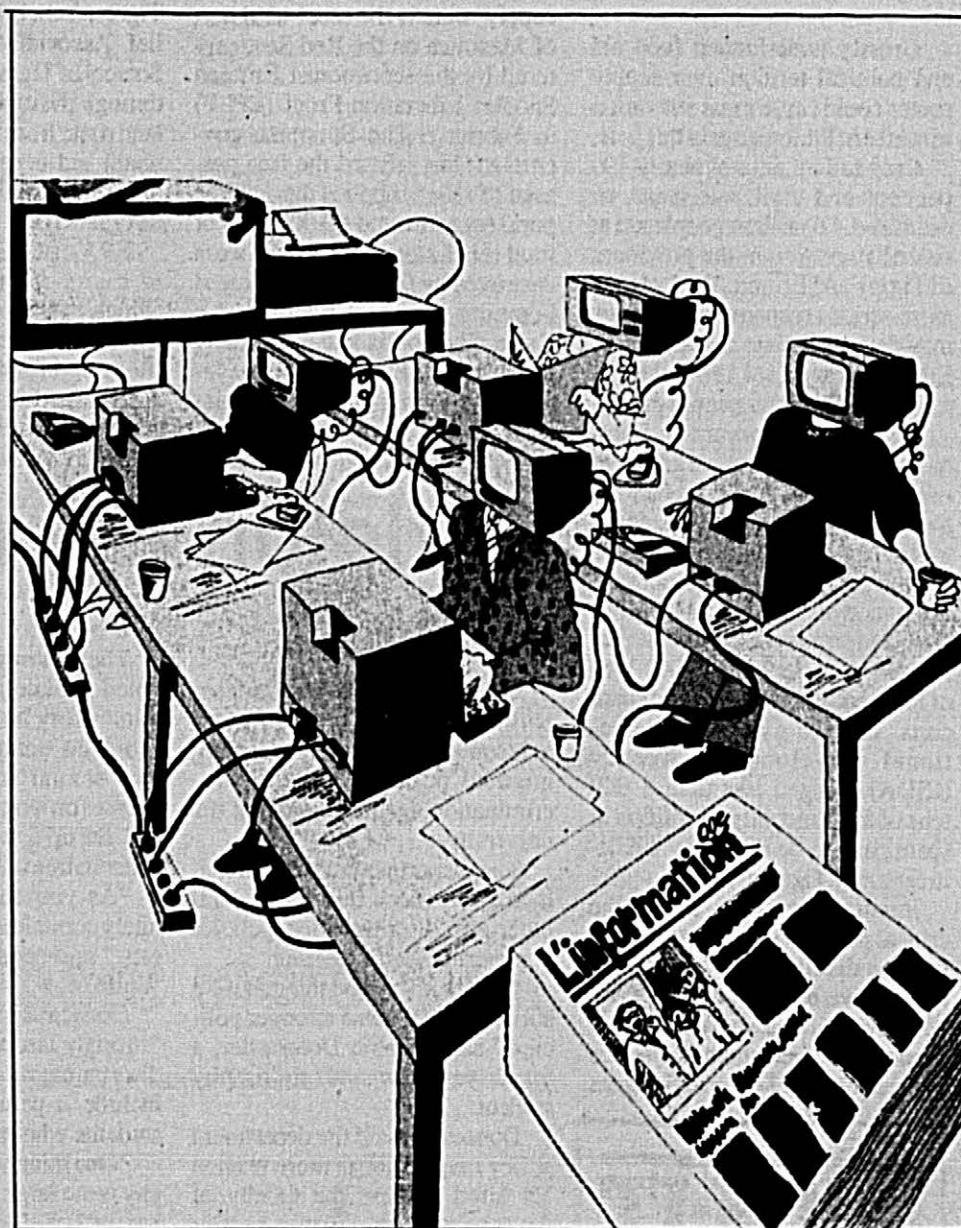
This is exactly why Sam Karl Weinstein, a union leader at Southern California Gas, the principal subsidiary of Pacific Enterprises, was outspent by the company \$260 000 to \$35 000 in an election to sit on the company's board of directors. Referring to former attorney general William French Smith, who beat him in the election, Weinstein said, "I haven't put anybody in jail, but I know more about the gas business than he does."

In the corporate world, it seems profit not only marginalizes concern for workers, but technical know-how and personal ingenuity are discouraged.

ESOPs in our midst

In Canada, ESOPs have gotten off to a slower start — only six Ontario companies have ESOP plans. But the trend is expected to grow thanks to government subsidies and tax breaks.

One ESOP company, Toronto-based Treco Machine and Tool Ltd., differs from larger American corporations in a number of ways. The high-precision machinery company only has 120 employees, who hold about 40 per cent of company shares.



"We plan to be completely employee-owned," Lou Trembl, Treco vice-president, recently told the *Globe and Mail*. Right now, he said, 25 per cent of Treco's profit gets converted into ESOP shares, and the rest is divided among privately held stock and management.

Employees at Treco are also encouraged to participate in the company's scheme, according to Trembl. "They are very pleased in having a stake in the company, more interested and aware what's going on. They become their own entrepreneurs in Treco, willing to share ideas and work with each other for the mutual benefit of all," he said.

Ontario government ESOP manager William Aguilar told the *Globe and Mail* that Ontario ESOPs will soon be eligible for "more favorable tax treatment for share dividends and capital gains than they would get through other forms of stock."

Worker co-ops as an alternative

While ESOPs usually give only minority ownership to workers, co-ops are wholly owned by workers. As a result, they tend to be tiny in terms of the larger economy. Of all the worker co-ops in Canada, 70 per cent are in Québec, where the provincial government gives tax breaks to ESOPs and worker co-ops. Over the past three years, interest in co-ops has dramatically increased.

One of the most successful Québec co-ops, Mouvement Desjardins, was created to provide loans to customers previously ignored by the banks. "Usually co-ops are borne of people's needs," says Nicole Giroux, of Université de Montréal. "The logic is not profit, but providing services."

But despite isolated success stories, some observers are wary that employee ownership programs may be used as an option for gov-

ernments eager to privatize services — governments may offer to privatize by selling public enterprises to employees, who will still have to turn a profit on industries like education, transport and health care.

"Former government employees would be forced to cut their wages drastically in order to compete for government contracts with private companies," writes Melanie Conn, an administrator of a Vancouver-based financial co-op that gives loans to women's community economic development projects, in *Worker Co-op*.

Still, says Giroux, "Co-ops can really be a progressive social force." Giroux has experience organizing co-ops and notes that while sexual or racial discrimination does not disappear with worker co-ops, the prospects are much better for women and minority ownership than in larger corporations and ESOPs.

Richard Roussyn, a director for the Co-opérative du développement régionale says more women than men participate in the projects in which he's involved.

Conn explains that worker co-ops are a truly democratic and efficient means to "counteract the negative impact of 'economic restructuring'."

"The co-op commitment to job stability through local ownership and control can provide the community with an economic model that builds self-reliance and enhances community health," she says.

The general idea is both exciting and realizable, Conn says, adding, however, it needs "considerable community support."

An alternative set of values is paramount in the co-op movement. The very existence of this type of democracy in the workforce can be a tremendously progressive social force.

Giroux says, "There's a different view of society — the aim is not profit as an end."

Political conflicts block Ethiopian famine aid

by Douglas Mason

Grossly underfunded food aid and political tension over supply routes could cause mass starvation in northern Ethiopia again this year.

Crop failure rates of nearly 100 per cent and civil war mean an estimated 4.6 million people are at risk of starvation in the provinces of Tigray and Eritrea. The lack of a more serious response to the crisis may deteriorate into a repeat of the Ethiopian famine of 1984 when an estimated 1 million people died.

Despite advance warning, international aid donors have failed to respond in time. Not even half the food needed — 700 000 metric tons — has been pledged.

In anticipation of the famine, a delegation of the Eritrean Relief Association travelled to Ottawa last November to request 50 000 tons of food, additional trucks and spare parts. But the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) pledged less than 8 000 tons of food and only \$1 million in spare parts to be shared by the Eritreans and Tigreans.

Funding problems aside, the critical problem is political jockeying over distribution. Many supply routes have been cut off or threatened by civil war and western aid agencies are reluctant to use the more viable rebel-controlled routes

The cheapest and most efficient supply route is the rebel-held port of Massawa on the Red Sea, captured by the secessionist Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF) in February. The Ethiopian government has refused the free passage of relief supplies through the port. An estimated 40 000 tons of food relief stored in the port were destroyed by fighting and repeated bombing by the Ethiopian Air Force. The port is still under daily attack by the Ethiopians using Israeli and Soviet-supplied napalm and phosphorous bombs.

With Massawa out of action, the

relief arms of the Eritrean and Tigrean rebels — the Eritrean Relief Association and the Relief Society of Tigray — distribute food through the more expensive, overland route from the Sudan. International aid organizations consider both groups highly efficient and disciplined.

ERA and REST use a large fleet of trucks for the overland route which is subjected to constant air attack from the Ethiopian air force. Both organizations expect to move a combined 250 000 tons of food.

The Canadian government refuses to recognize either group,

although it aids them indirectly through the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, a consortium of private, non-governmental aid organizations, church groups and unions.

Although Ethiopian Church groups have received free passage for relief convoys, the amount of food is still far below minimum levels for survival.

Food shortages in Eritrea are the most critical in government held areas. With its military garrisons besieged by the EPLF, the Ethiopian government sees little benefit in saving the lives of its adversaries

supporters. Canadian officials do not expect the Ethiopian government to agree to distribute food in the affected areas.

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Carleton approves affirmative action

by Treena Khan

OTTAWA (CUP) — Carleton philosophy professors have decided to recommend only women for tenure-track positions, to reduce discrimination against women at the university.

The department voted unanimously to adopt this and several other anti-discrimination policies at a recent faculty meeting.

"I think it's a good thing, but I'd still like to see some stronger policies," said Debbie Donacaster, a fourth-year law and philosophy student.

Donacaster said the department policy may not mean more women are hired because the faculty of Arts can still veto its recommendations.

Carleton has no affirmative action hiring policy, although other departments have come up with

their own.

The philosophy department also voted to discourage the use of discriminatory language, hold workshops on gender group relations and sexual harassment, hold courses on women and philosophy, and set up a women's caucus for consultation on women's interests.

"As you can see, we're definitely committed to women's interests," said department chair Julian Wolfe.

Donacaster said the new policy "strongly discouraging" the use of discriminatory language does not include a penalty for faculty or students who disregard it.

"One thing you learn in philosophy is the large influence language has in belief systems," said Donacaster. "The use of gender-neutral language should be more than just optional."

The need for anti-discrimina-

tion policies was first discussed in late February when a female student complained about sexism and withdrew from the department. She made her complaints in a letter to the campus paper.

"We've addressed all the issues the students brought before us," said Wolfe.

But Castle said it doesn't end there. She said it will be up to the women's caucus, to be made up of students and faculty, to further the process of changing discriminatory attitudes. "It will be a long, slow process," she said. "But it's not the department's fault. The onus is on everybody."

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In support of direct action

To the Daily:

In response to you 'Our Firsts in Our Mouths' editorial of March 26: Attitudes like yours are defeatist and dangerous. Despite ostensibly good intentions they serve to fragment rather than to consolidate the student movement. Your comments

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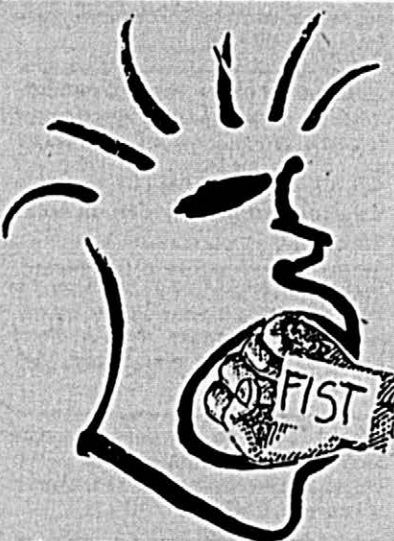
are an attack on direct action and a disincentive to getting involved.

Although, I do agree with you that many of the occupations, street blockages etc. have not been properly directed and have too frequently been aimed primarily at garnering media attention, at the same time, student organized press conferences, press releases and demands (which all address "the issues") have been ignored by the corporate controlled media.

Meanwhile, the mobilization is not suffering burn out, if anything, it is catching fire. At last count, at least 15 CEGEPs and universities were on strike and more general assemblies are coming up. On Friday students will march on the legislature in Québec.

Furthermore, the power base is widening to more directly involve non-student groups. For example, a 3 hour general walkout of students and workers is being organized for sometime next week. As you stated, free and accessible education is not just a student issue.

Although the long term solution may be a broad based coalition of



those "resisting privatization on different fronts," we are in a crucial period in the current campaign which demands solidarity and action. Protesters should take their fists out of their mouths but you should stop sitting on yours. Only then can we raise them together.

Brian Schnarch
Member of Coalition Against the Privatization of Education

Come and fix your letters: L. Todd, Greg Alton, René Brisebois, "A political activist"

Headline was "poor, poor display"

To the Daily:

I never cease to be amazed. Your headline 'Give poor fratty-watty a chance' which accompanied an objective letter (McGill Daily - Wed. March 21st, 1990) is, quite simply put, a poor, poor display of journalism. What a misfortune it is that the Daily takes it upon itself to create such pusillanimous headlines for letters it receives. (And if I might add, although it does serve no good, this approach seems to be quite a recurring theme). It is an ignominy that someone can take it upon themselves to publish such uncalled for remarks, which range from the fatuous to the downright demeaning. Where is it written in the Daily's mandate that the right has been granted to write (and even worse, publish) such condescending and denouncing titles? Obviously McGill Daily staff members have taken it upon themselves to show their biased attitudes towards certain groups (in this case, fraternities again), instead of limiting themselves to objective and well thought out material. After all, is it too much to expect journalistic respect and good taste? I would hardly imagine so.

The McGill Daily should not be (nor should it ever be), the instrument through which one (especially staff members) has the power to propagate his/her own 'anathema' towards any group, individual, or opinion which he/she is obviously against. I hope you do have the nerve to publish this letter, and accept it as constructive criticism (if nothing else), and if you will, please leave it untitled.

Again, I am not only ashamed of the Daily's attitudes, but I am also quite bewildered (and no, not bitter). To the editors of the Daily, once again you have surpassed yourselves. I hope you are proud....

Richard K. Plante
Grad Studies, Molecular Biology

Ed. note: We agree that the headline was wholly unreasonable.

Clothes don't make the woman: stereotypes do

To the Daily:

In response to Janice Moore...

All over campus, the response to "Look at how you look at her" has been a scribbled "Look at how you've drawn her!" Not presuming to speak for the sticker's creators or promoters, I would nonetheless like to suggest another reading of it. I tend to think that the "her" mentioned is not the drawing, but simply woman, any woman. The drawing is a response to the sticker's question, a sort of "Is this how you see women?" When a woman is harassed or discriminated against, it is because - no matter what she looks like, no matter what she is wearing - she is seen as a "scarlet-clad whore/slut with her crotch hanging out" simply because she is a woman. It is not uncommon for a woman in the middle of a Montréal winter to be catcalled or honked at from passing vehicles as she waits for the bus. She may be wearing a parka. Those that call to her don't see that. They see what you see when you look at the picture on the sticker.

Sandy Fernandez
Arts U2

To the Daily:

I'm writing in regards to Janice Moore's March 26th letter concerning the "Look at how you look at her" stickers. Ms. Moore does not seem to understand the point of the sticker. She should take a more insightful look.

The point of the sticker is not the portrayal of all women as "scarlet-clad whore/slut(s) with (their) crotch(es) hanging out." The pic-

ture is of the idealized North American woman's body - faceless and posed. This is the image we are bombarded with each and every day - in magazines, on television, on the street. This is the image women are supposed to strive to become because it's the one men are supposed to desire.

The sticker is asking us to reflect on our reactions to seeing these kinds of images, not to judge women who dress as they choose.

Julie Zwillich
Arts U2

To the Daily:

Concerning Janice Moore's letter of March 26, 1990.

Janice Moore assumes that because the figure on the stickers "look-at-how-you-look-at-her" is dressed in a certain way, she can be labeled "whore/slut". In other words, she assumes that if a woman is in a small red dress, and is posed to display her body that she is paid for sex (whore), or has sexual relations with lots of men (slut). So, Ms. Moore feels that not only can she predict the behaviour of this woman by what she's wearing, she can attach pejorative names to it. She can judge, and she can insult. And all of this based on appearance alone.

Ms. Moore puts herself in the mindset of a sex-offender when she makes statements such as "Women who dress like that likely aren't to (sic) worried about how they are seen." Ms. Moore assumes that because a woman wears a small red dress she has no dignity, no self-respect. Ms. Moore also thinks she has the right to insult and dismiss such women: "Any woman..."

should be repulsed."

The figure on those stickers was drawn to produce a reaction. Janice Moore's response summarizes our society's attitude: we see a woman dressed like this and we can assume she is a one-sided sex-toy, without pride. We assume that this is all she has to offer, and that we can therefore abuse her, and dismiss her. We consider ourselves superior.

Ideally, we would be able to look at her and say, yes, she is a

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To the Daily:

This is in response to the letter from Janice Moore, "Look at how you look at her," in the March 26 issue. Perhaps it is time to explain the intent behind the sticker, as so many people seem to have misunderstood it. The sticker was intended to provoke questions, however, and it is good to see that it has.

First of all, it should not matter how the woman is dressed. Anyone has the right to wear scarlet and let her crotch hang out without being sexually assaulted or harassed. It is statements like, "Women who dress like that aren't likely to be worried about how they are seen," which can be used to justify assault or harassment.

Second of all, the fact that the woman is faceless does mean that she is supposed to represent all women. However, she is not to be seen as representing how all women actually look, but rather how all women may appear in the mind of an assaulter: as objects. Although a woman may not see herself as a "whore/slut with her crotch hanging out," she may be seen as an object simply because she is a woman.

It is understandable that a woman would be angry at the sticker. It is not necessarily how she would like to be seen. The idea came after hours of looking at images of women in the media and listening to women discussed by people of both sexes as mere toys for men. It expresses frustration at the image of women that many of us have.

Name Withheld

"scarlet-clad", openly sexual being, and she's not ashamed of it. But that is only part of her and we know not to judge her on that alone. To condemn a woman for dressing in a certain manner is to give her fewer choices, limit her once again to what is prescribed as "acceptable". This is exactly what we should refuse. Janice Moore, look at how you look at her.

Sarah Bennett
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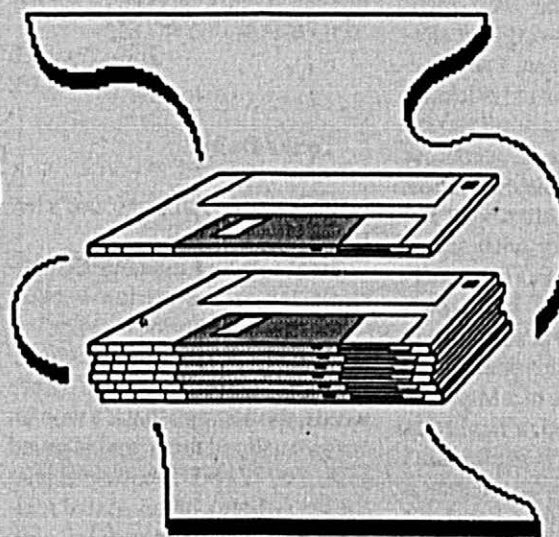
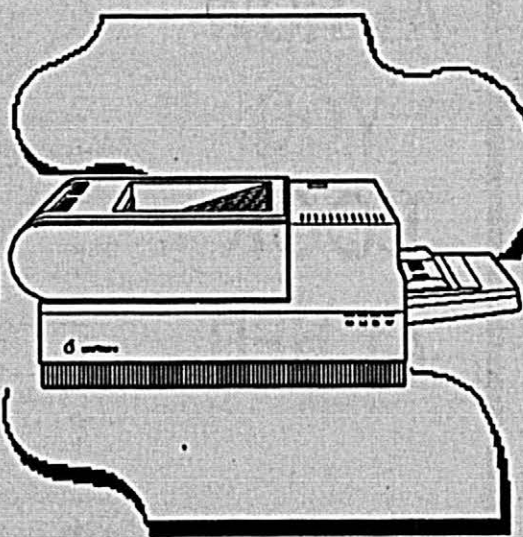
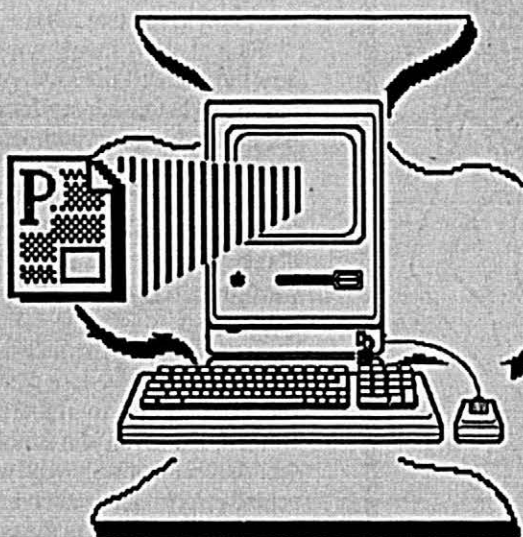
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372 LOST AND FOUND

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Lost: Donegal Tweed Cap Size 7 1/2 on Friday March 23rd in Arts Building. Given to me by my recently deceased grandfather from Galway. Please return to Arts porter.

Lost: A Turquoise Necklace (strung with some other stones as well), on Friday, March 23. If you found it, please call 982-0639. Reward!

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Lost: my enlarged baby bracelet. Has name engraved and Koala Charm. Extreme sentimental value. PLEASE return to Union Lost & Found or call Jodie 288-7438. Thanks.

374 - PERSONALS

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CHOM FM: Ever since that fateful night, I have been trying to locate you. If you fell the same please contact Claudia at (977) ENG-LAND. P.S. I miss your "spirit".

AOPI wishes everyone luck in final exams, and to have a great summer.

385 NOTICES

Gaye and Lesblane of McGill offers an information and counselling talkline. Call us with questions, problems, or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417, M-F, 7 - 10 p.m.

Lesbian/Gay studies group meets Thursdays, discussion group meets Fridays, both at Yellow Door (3625 Aylmer) 17h00. Info 597-0363 (Bill).

Help End Animal Suffering. META is having a General meeting Tuesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. Room B-09, Student Union. All Welcome. Info: 276-0914.

Stressed Out?? Get some tips on coping. Redpath Library, Main Entrance Room 07A. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday, April 2nd to April 19th. Free decaff coffee and tea. A McGill Chaplaincy program. 398-4104.

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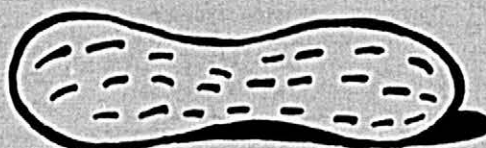
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